

**In the specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 18, and ending on page 10, line 3, with the following:

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Modification of PEO resins with starting molecular weights of between about 100,000 g/mol to about 8,000,000 g/mol (~~number average molecular weight~~) allows the modified PEO resins to be drawn into films with thicknesses of less than 0.5 mil.

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Modification of PEO resins with starting molecular weights of between about 300,000 g/mol to about 8,000,000 g/mol is preferred for filmmaking. Films thermally processed from the modified PEO compositions have better softness and greater clarity than films processed from unmodified low molecular weight PEO having a reported molecular weight of 200,000 g/mol or less. Thermal processing of films from high molecular weight PEO modified in accordance with this invention also results in films with improved mechanical properties over films similarly processed from unmodified low molecular weight PEO.

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